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To: Pharmacists
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Subject: Expedited Prior Authorization for Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is incorporating non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) into the expedited prior authorization (EPA) process as an entire therapeutic class. **The following NSAIDs billing code and criterion will be implemented during the week of June 5, 2000.**

Drug	Code	Criteria
Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	141	An absence of a history of ulcer or gastrointestinal bleeding.
Ansaid 7 (Flurbiprofen)		
Arthrotec 7 (Diclofenac/Misoprostol)		
Clinoril 7 (Sulindac)		
Daypro 7 (Oxaprozin)		
Feldene 7 (Piroxicam)		
Ibuprofen		
Indomethacin		
Lodine 7, Lodine XL 7 (Etodolac)		
Meclofenamate		
Nalfon 7 (Fenoprofen)		
Naprosyn 7 (Naproxen)		
Orudis 7, Oruvail 7 (Ketoprofen)		
Ponstel 7 (Mefenamic acid)		
Relafen 7 (Nabumetone)		
Tolectin 7 (Tolmetin)		
Toradol 7 (Ketorolac)		
Voltaren 7 (Diclofenac)		

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Other Changes since Numbered Memorandum 99-52, dated September 1999

Drugs Terminated from EPA List

- Hismanal⁷
- Seldane⁷
- Seldane D⁷

Drugs Added to EPA List

- Aciphex⁷
- Differin Solution⁷
- Evista⁷
- Miralax Powder⁷
- Sonata⁷

Other Changes to EPA List

- Diagnoses – clarification of sources for diagnostic information
- Criteria changed for Allegra⁷, Claritin⁷, and Zyrtec⁷
- Criteria changed for Aricept⁷
- Criteria added to Celebrex⁷
- Criteria changed for Copaxone Injection⁷
- Criteria changed for Risperdal⁷
- Criteria changed for Seroquel⁷

Attached is an updated EPA list (Section H) for MAA's Prescription Drug Program Billing Instructions, dated December 1998.